

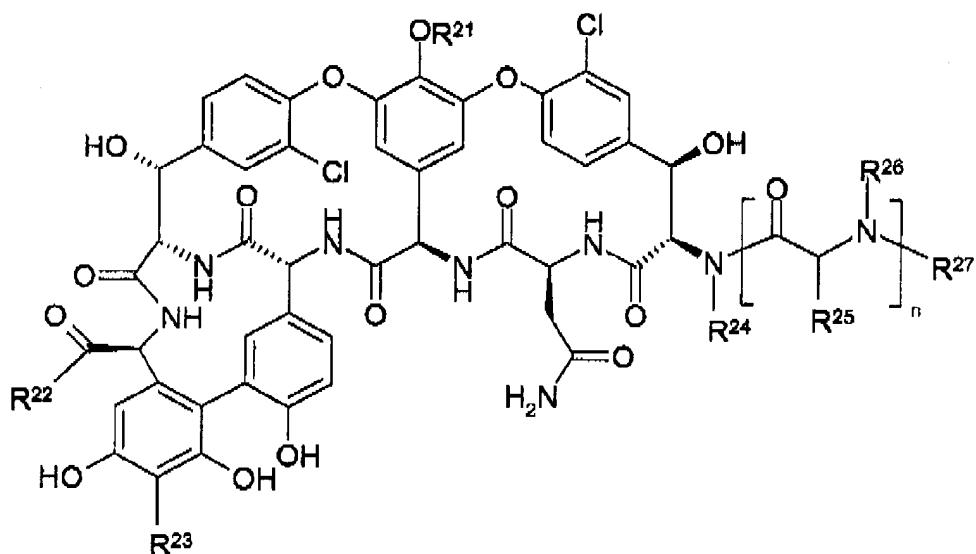
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I. Status of the Claims

The claims are reiterated for the Examiner's convenience. Claims 1-71 have been cancelled. Claims 72-81 are pending for examination.

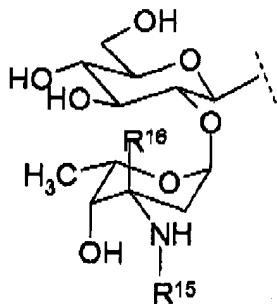
1-71 (cancelled)

72. (Previously presented) A compound of formula II:



wherein

R²¹ is a group of the formula:



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R¹⁵ is -R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x;

R¹⁶ is hydrogen or methyl;

R²² is -OH;

R²³ is hydrogen;

R²⁴ is hydrogen;

R²⁵ is isobutyl;

R²⁶ is hydrogen or methyl;

R²⁷ is hydrogen or -CH₂COOH;

R^a is -CH₂CH₂-; -CH₂CH₂CH₂- or -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-;

R^b is alkylene having from 8 to 12 carbon atoms;

Y is -NH-;

Z is hydrogen

n is 1;

x is 1;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, stereoisomers and prodrugs thereof.

73. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R¹⁶ is methyl.

74. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R²⁶ is methyl.

75. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R²⁷ is hydrogen.

76. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^a is -CH₂CH₂-.

77. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^b and Z form an n-octyl, n-nonyl, n-decyl, n-undecyl or n-dodecyl group.

78. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^b and Z form an n-decyl group.

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79. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R¹⁵ is
-CH₂CH₂-NH-(CH₂)₁₀-H.

80. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of any of Claims 72-79 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

81. (Previously presented) A method of inhibiting the growth of bacteria in a mammal infected with or exposed to bacteria, the method comprising administering to the mammal a composition according to Claim 80 for a time and under conditions effective to inhibit growth of bacteria.